STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Forestry and Wildlife Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

January 27, 2017

Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT TO THE KOHALA CENTER, INC., TO CONDUCT FENCE CONSTRUCTION, NATIVE TREE AND SHRUB PLANTING, INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL, AND MONITORING IN THE PUU O UMI NATURAL AREA RESERVE AND UNENCUMBERED STATE LANDS ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII, TAX MAP KEYS: 4-9-13:01, 6-1-01:01, 6-2-01:01, 6-2-01:02, 6-2-01:03 (por), 6-3-01:02, 6-3-01:04, 6-

3-01:05, 6-3-01:07

AND

REQUEST APPROVAL OF DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION TO CHAPTER 343, HRS ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROJECT.

BACKGROUND

The Kohala Watershed Partnership (KWP) is a voluntary coalition of private landowners and State land managers who joined together in 2003 to work across property boundaries to manage the forested watershed of Kohala Mountain and protect it from threats. KWP has written a 20-year management plan, which defines these threats and prescribes actions to address them. The Kohala Watershed Partnership is a program of The Kohala Center, Inc., (TKC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

TKC has already been assisting the DLNR on these types of natural resource management projects for multiple years in these locations. This Right Of Entry will provide TKC-KWP access to federal funds to continue this work to assist the DLNR's management of these high priority areas. The 20-year term length reflects the time needed to accomplish deliverables and demonstrate longevity of this project for federal funding purposes.

A Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact was published for these activities on December 8, 2008.

- a. The standard terms and conditions of the most current Right-of-Entry permit form, as may be amended from time to time;
- b. Written concurrence from the Permittee;
- c. Authorize the Chairperson to extend the term of the Right-of-Entry for good cause; and
- d. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted

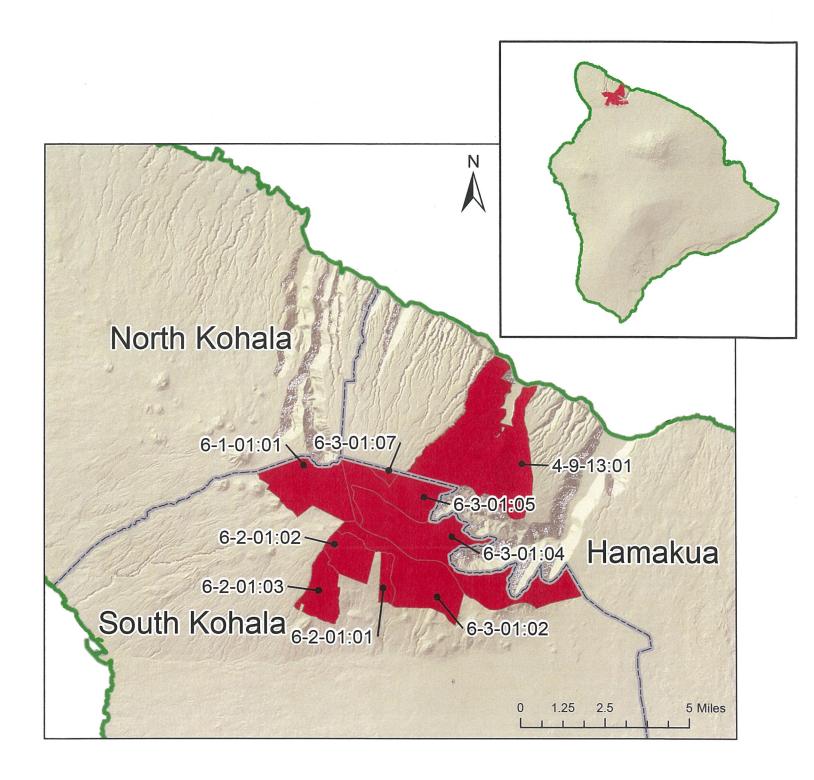
DAVID G. SMITH, Administrator Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson

ATTACHMENTS

Location of TMK for Right-of-Entry Permit Request



Legend

TMK for Right-of-Entry Request

